

The principal front of the building is built in strength and is divided into a central portico leading into the grand vestibule, the two debating chambers and side galleries. The portico is of massive dimensions and is approached by a commanding flight of granite steps which runs around the sides of it.

The chambers are relieved by groups of pilasters with Corinthian capitals and are surmounted by domes and ventilators. The whole of the ground floor is built of granite and the building above (this is of brick relieved by pilasters and window sashes) of Portland cement.

Besides the debating chambers, which are 100 feet in length by 25 feet in width only, there is a length of 100 feet in width for a length of 100 feet in width. In the case of Commons, there is a lofty hall with marble pillars or tessellated pavements which forms the central lobby or grand tribune. Adjoining this is the Parliament Chamber, a beautiful apartment, 33 feet by 100 feet, with galleries above each other and a beautiful view of the river. There are also a number of committee rooms, numerous offices for the President and Secretary and officers of the Legislature. There are moreover refreshment and dining rooms, and not only smoking rooms but ward rooms. There are likewise rooms for strangers, ladies, distinguished persons, and the rooms are all well occupied by the Government departments and by fireproof vaults, in which the records of Parliament and South African